IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 2875

For: Rushing ) Examiner: A.Ton

USSN 09/433,761

Filed: 11/4/99

Amendment A

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Examiner's Action (Paper No.3) issued on 11/22/00, applicant responds as follows:

In The Claims:

Please amend claim 10 as set forth below:

of a plurality of support ribs extending from a center support thereof, a diffuse lighting arrangement comprising a power supply cord terminating in a plug and having a plurality of identical, minimally spaced apart strings of miniature lights extending therefrom, equal to the plurality of supporting ribs, and an anchor strap engageable at the center of the structure and incorporating a plurality of (anchoring structures) which engage the cord to the center support in areas between the spaced apart strings of miniature lights.



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